

Happenings in the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter Appeals to the State Supreme Court on Enforcement of Pre-Recorded Telephone Messages

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter's enforcement of the state's law that governs the use of autodialers to deliver pre-recorded messages (the Indiana Autodialer Act) was the focus of oral arguments before the Indiana Supreme Court. Carter attended the hearing, which took place at Indiana State University's Hulman Center/Tilson Auditorium in Terre Haute.



"The attorney general's ability to enforce the law effectively against those who make intrusive and illegal pre-recorded telephone calls is at stake in this case," said Carter. Press Release

The Indiana Attorney General and The Humane Society of the United States Announce Animal Fighting Reward Program

Attorney General Steve Carter and the Humane Society of the United States have teamed up to combat dogfighting and cockfighting in Indiana. At two press conferences held in Tippecanoe and Lake Counties, they announced that the HSUS is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person involved in

illegal animal fighting.

"Animal fighting is a cruel and violent crime in which the victims have no voice", Carter said. "I am pleased to lend my support to this reward program that will help protect animals across Indiana and punish those who abuse them for profit."

Press Release



Consumer News:

Attorney General Carter Cautions Against Unscrupulous Contractors as Indiana Recovers from Flood Damage

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter encourages Hoosiers in Central and Southern Indiana to be on guard against unscrupulous contractors following the recent flooding in the area. Natural disasters lure con artists who will prey on those who are anxious to get the damage repaired, announced Carter. Press Release

Tips to Help Find a Reputable Contractor

- Remember, Indiana law requires a contract for work that will exceed \$150 (IC 35-43-6-4)
- Take your time and don't let a contractor rush your decision.
- Do research, know how much you can afford, and what needs to be done.
- Talk to friends and family about contractors they recommend.
- Opt for local, well-established contractors.
- Don't assume that an ad makes a contractor reliable.
- Be skeptical if a bid is too low or too high.
- Get bids in writing.
- Check with your city or county building department to determine the licensing requirements for your area and if the contractor you are considering is properly licensed, bonded and insured.

Attorney General Steve Carter Secures Refunds for Oil Change Customers Agreement Affects Customers of 16 Mr. Lubie Locations

Hukill Oil Company, Inc., doing business as Mr. Lubie, agreed to provide refunds to customers who paid for a specific, brand-name oil, but received a different, less expensive product announced Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter.

Under terms of the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC), Mr. Lubie agreed to refund eligible customers \$20 per oil change, within 60 days of the AVC filing in Jackson Circuit Court. Press Release

